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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2457
Docket No.: 1405.1053**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masaaki NORO, et al.

Serial No. 09/993,498

Group Art Unit: 2457

Confirmation No. 8168

Filed: November 27, 2001

Examiner: Sahera Halim

For: COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD, RELAYING METHOD AND RELAYING DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 24, 2008, which has a period for response set to expire on January 24, 2009. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 24, 2009.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2, and

Remarks begin at page 7.